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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decline in United States exports of domestic merchandise from $1,721.7 million in June[1] to $1,682.5 million in July, a change of about two percent, reflected lower levels of exports of all of the economic classes of commodities except crude materials. July exports of domestic merchandise were, however, about 16 percent higher than the July 1959 total of $1,453.0 million.[2] These totals include data on M.S.P. (military) exports.

With M.S.P. (military) shipments excluded, exports of domestic merchandise during July amounted to $1,612.3 million, a level slightly lower than the June total of $1,621.7 million,[3] but about 20 percent higher than the July 1959 total of $1,338.4 million.

Exports of semimanufactures fell from $333.3 million[3] in June to $313.5 million in July largely as a result of decreases in exports of individual commodities included in this economic class as follows: crude vegetable oils and fats, from $15.1 to $6.6 million; iron and steel plates, sheets and strips, from $40.3 to $36.1 million; distillate and residual fuel oil, from $9.3 to $5.6 million; and aluminum semimanufactures, from $14.7 to $11.7 million. The drop in exports of finished manufactures from $975.7 to $962.6 million reflected a sizeable decrease in exports of automobile parts for assembly and replacement, from $47.2 to $34.2 million, and lesser decreases in exports of other individual commodities included in this economic class as follows: motor trucks and busses, from $35.4 to $29.5 million; railway transportation equipment, from $14.3 to $9.4 million; steel mill manufactures, from $14.5 to $10.2 million; and construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery, from $68.6 to $65.5 million. A decline in exports of milled rice, from $10.7 to $7.8 million, was the chief factor in the decrease in exports of manufactured foodstuffs from $90.5 to $83.3 million.

Lower levels of exports of fresh or dried vegetables, from $10.9 to $6.4 million, and corn, from $24.4[3] to $20.5 million, accounted for the bulk of the decrease in exports of crude foodstuffs from $130.4[3] to $126.6 million.

During the period, exports of crude materials climbed from $191.9[3] to $196.6 million as a substantial increase in exports of unmanufactured cotton from $65.4 to $86.5 million was partly offset by a decrease in exports of unmanufactured tobacco, from $22.2 to $14.7 million.

[1] Revised from the figure of $1,700.8 million published in the June 1960 issue of this report. The May 1960 domestic merchandise total was revised from $1,775.6 to $1,793.5 million. See footnote 10 on page four of this report.

[2] With the opening of the Saint Lawrence Seaway in the Spring of 1959, abnormal delays developed in transmitting some Shipper's Export Declarations (the basic source of the export statistics) to the Bureau. As a result, the July 1959 export figures included about $15.0 million which normally would have been in earlier months (May or June, 1959). This $15.0 million was concentrated largely in exports of oil seeds, corn, and "other grains."

[3] Revised.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued at $100-$499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. Effective with the statistics for January 1960, the previous sample ratio of 10 percent has been increased to a 50 percent sample for countries other than Canada with the 10 percent sample being retained for Canada. The estimated values are distributed among the individual commodity totals. For the 1960 export figures in this report, the probable variability due to sampling is less than $50,000 or less than a trivial percentage which can be ignored. For periods prior to 1960, the probable variability due to sampling is less than $50,000 or less than two percent of the individual totals shown. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000. For further information regarding sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, January and June 1956, and the October-December 1959 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
JULY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1960 have not been revised to include published corrections, except for special corrections published with the July 1960 reports. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling precedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity	July 1960	June 1960	July 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Total.....value..	[1]1,682.5	*[2]1,721.7	†[3]1,453.0	[4]1,448.6	[5]1,477.3
Crude materials.....value..	196.6	**191.9	138.1	159.5	178.2
Hides and skins, raw, except furs.....value..	6.1	5.2	5.6	5.2	4.6
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible.....1,000 lb..	147,763	120,016	123,105	120,904	92,427
value..	9.7	7.9	9.4	9.3	8.0
Oilseeds.....value..	23.6	**27.9	30.6	26.4	18.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	20,560	29,574	23,070	38,801	40,191
value..	14.7	22.2	16.8	28.9	29.5
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 bales..	681	518	153	333	398
value..	86.5	65.4	15.9	37.7	55.1
Coal.....1,000 s.tons..	3,392	3,897	3,797	3,251	4,381
value..	31.0	35.9	36.1	31.5	43.8
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	247	436	174	210	362
value..	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.6	1.2
All other crude materials.....value..	24.4	**26.2	23.2	20.0	17.9
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	126.6	**130.4	138.1	120.3	106.6
Corn.....1,000 bu..	15,876	**19,029	22,263	18,250	14,986
value..	20.5	**24.4	28.9	23.8	19.7
Wheat.....1,000 bu..	37,411	**36,801	33,542	29,712	27,520
value..	63.9	**61.0	57.4	51.0	47.5
Other grains.....value..	19.4	**17.1	29.1	23.1	19.9
Vegetables, fresh or dried.....1,000 lb..	125,375	232,839	125,775	141,027	118,444
value..	6.4	10.9	7.4	7.9	6.1
Fruits, fresh or frozen.....1,000 lb..	169,178	153,866	156,895	125,300	110,949
value..	11.8	11.6	11.9	9.0	8.9
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	4.2	4.7	3.3	5.2	4.3
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	83.3	90.5	96.0	89.7	91.8
Meat and meat products.....1,000 lb..	26,431	26,734	28,665	29,244	19,702
value..	8.3	8.0	8.4	8.8	6.9
Lard.....1,000 lb..	42,939	62,724	58,365	50,347	32,404
value..	4.4	6.0	5.6	5.0	4.4
Dairy products.....1,000 lb..	44,399	38,389	63,272	40,548	40,495
value..	7.9	9.0	11.4	7.9	8.4
Fish, canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	2,086	1,503	6,229	5,670	3,437
value..	1.0	0.8	1.4	1.9	1.3
Milled rice.....1,000,000 lb..	130	165	141	125	103
value..	7.8	10.7	9.2	8.3	8.0
Wheat flour.....1,000 cwt..	1,548	1,957	1,253	2,236	2,259
value..	6.0	7.5	5.1	8.5	9.6
Vegetables, canned and prepared.....value..	3.9	4.6	3.5	3.4	3.6
Fruits, dried and evaporated.....1,000 lb..	7,876	7,312	3,442	11,654	16,305
value..	1.7	1.6	0.9	2.7	3.4
Canned fruits.....1,000 lb..	19,830	19,740	26,087	29,003	30,514
value..	3.1	3.1	4.1	4.4	4.7
Fruit juices.....1,000 gal..	3,580	3,727	2,447	2,676	3,024
value..	3.5	4.4	3.4	3.6	3.9
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined.....1,000 lb..	56,393	67,139	112,732	57,600	66,807
value..	7.1	7.6	17.4	8.6	10.6
Sugar and related products.....value..	2.2	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.0
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	13.1	11.4	10.5	9.0	12.6
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	13.4	14.1	13.4	15.7	12.3
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	313.5	**333.3	213.0	205.2	189.8
Leather.....value..	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.2	2.1
Synthetic rubber.....1,000 lb..	64,467	66,097	58,824	54,784	36,716
value..	17.1	16.8	15.3	14.2	9.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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JULY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity		July 1960	June 1960	July 1959	Monthly average 1959	Monthly average 1958
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]—Continued						
Naval Stores, gums and resins	value	5.7	5.6	4.2	3.7	3.0
Vegetable oils and fats, crude	1,000 lb	63,943	158,583	120,066	72,440	28,801
	value	6.6	15.1	13.4	8.0	3.5
Cotton semimanufactures	1,000 lb	33,837	36,031	26,440	29,090	24,573
	value	5.5	5.2	3.9	4.2	3.8
Wool semimanufactures	1,000 lb	12,356	12,738	12,864	12,244	9,392
	value	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures	1,000 lb	18,069	16,729	11,325	12,014	9,105
	value	15.3	12.8	7.9	9.2	7.1
Sawmill products	1,000 bd.ft	68,899	83,094	66,833	65,606	60,626
	value	8.5	10.2	7.9	7.5	6.5
Wood pulp	1,000 s.tons	102	111	57	54	43
	value	13.4	14.5	8.5	7.9	6.5
Fuel oil, distillate and residual	1,000 bbl	1,776	3,221	2,690	2,833	3,325
	value	5.6	9.3	7.1	7.7	9.8
Sulfur	1,000 l.tons	107	169	175	134	131
	value	2.6	4.1	4.3	3.3	3.3
Steel mill products, semifinished	value	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.4	1.3
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes	1,000 lb	9,844	19,516	12,730	11,182	20,516
	value	1.3	2.3	1.4	1.2	2.0
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips	1,000 lb	387,645	426,543	107,987	83,486	157,053
	value	36.1	40.3	13.6	9.9	15.0
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate	1,000 lb	152,375	164,131	94,613	76,642	82,386
	value	13.6	14.4	7.3	6.1	6.5
Other iron and steel semimanufactures	value	18.8	**22.7	18.2	15.7	10.3
Aluminum semimanufactures	value	11.7	14.7	4.6	6.4	3.6
Copper semimanufactures	value	32.6	28.4	6.9	8.4	16.9
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products	value	15.7	14.2	7.8	8.7	8.4
Plastics and resin materials	1,000 lb	67,471	61,557	56,285	57,839	46,971
	value	24.3	22.5	21.4	21.5	17.4
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	25.2	28.3	19.3	21.2	17.9
Pigments	1,000 lb	50,454	59,064	55,536	55,824	52,048
	value	5.3	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.1
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials	1,000 lb	94,080	86,624	125,286	112,061	105,897
	value	2.3	2.4	2.8	3.0	2.9
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1[6]	value	[7]41.1	[7]38.7	[7]27.2	[7]27.3	[7]25.3
Finished manufactures	value	962.6	975.7	867.8	873.9	910.8
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new	thousands	119	146	79	92	102
	value	3.6	4.3	3.2	3.8	4.7
Other rubber manufactures	value	8.7	9.2	7.0	8.1	7.8
Cigarettes	millions	1,622	1,805	1,938	1,631	1,506
	value	7.1	7.8	8.4	7.0	6.4
Other tobacco manufactures	value	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.7
Cotton cloth	1,000 sq.yd	[8]40,914	[8]33,497	[8]32,882	[8]39,357	[8]41,744
	value	[8]11.8	[8]10.0	[8]9.3	[8]10.7	[8]11.3
Other cotton manufactures	value	8.1	8.3	7.4	7.9	8.1
Wool manufactures	value	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures	value	12.4	12.5	11.2	12.9	12.4
Other textile manufactures	value	4.9	4.8	5.1	5.4	4.8
Wood manufactures, advanced	value	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.6
Paper and manufactures	value	20.6	21.1	18.3	19.5	18.3
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types)	value	6.2	7.2	10.3	8.1	11.0
Lubricating oil	value	18.0	19.9	15.6	15.2	15.5
Glass and products	value	6.7	6.1	6.2	7.0	6.6
Steel mill manufactures	value	10.2	14.5	12.7	11.3	19.9
Metal manufactures, n.e.c	value	33.4	35.2	38.2	37.1	40.0
Electric household refrigerators and freezers	number	21,983	24,563	32,633	28,871	32,383
	value	3.7	3.9	4.9	4.5	4.9
Radio and television apparatus	value	25.2	20.7	20.3	21.0	23.3
Other electrical machinery and apparatus	value	60.2	51.1	52.8	54.0	56.8
Power generating machinery, n.e.c	value	22.9	19.6	16.7	20.6	19.2
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery	value	65.5	68.6	59.0	57.5	58.1
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	19.7	19.2	8.9	12.8	14.5
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts	value	12.3	10.7	12.8	13.2	13.8
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery	value	11.0	11.4	8.8	9.0	7.9
Other industrial machinery and parts	value	89.3	84.1	73.0	70.8	75.6

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Economic class and commodity	July 1960	June 1960	July 1959	Monthly average 1959	Monthly average 1958
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	16.7	17.2	11.1	12.1	11.1
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	11.9	14.6	15.1	12.0	10.3
Tractors.....number..	3,030	4,201	4,901	5,313	4,183
value..	18.0	18.6	20.0	17.7	15.8
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	12.1	12.6	12.3	11.9	10.1
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	19,425	21,557	14,274	13,495	12,322
value..	29.5	35.4	30.8	26.7	24.7
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	5,679	6,671	6,858	8,699	10,203
value..	10.6	13.0	13.4	18.3	21.6
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	34.2	47.2	39.1	44.4	39.3
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	6.9	6.4	[9]12.2	9.6	[9]18.1
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	135.4	136.4	71.1	64.1	81.0
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	9	19	8	11	11
value..	0.7	2.1	1.8	7.5	6.3
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	9.4	14.3	6.9	8.6	17.4
Antibiotics.....value..	5.9	5.2	7.2	5.7	5.5
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	18.1	15.6	19.0	17.9	17.7
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.8
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	2.1	3.3	3.1	2.4	6.4
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	11.4	11.3	11.7	16.7	15.6
Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	37.1	26.3	54.1	46.8	42.2
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	135.1	139.8	[9]124.2	127.7	[9]121.0

*Revised. See footnote one on front page of this report. **Reflects revisions made subsequent to the release of the June 1960 issue of this report. See footnote 10, below, for similar revisions to the May 1960 data. †See footnote 2 on front page of this report. [1]Includes $70.2 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($31.0 million to Western Europe). [2]Includes $100.0 million of Military Mutual Secruity Program shipments ($31.8 million to Western Europe). [3]Includes $114.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($56.7 million to Western Europe). [4]Includes $102.3 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($54.9 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $128.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($58.6 million to Western Europe). [6]See the April 1958 issue of Foriegn Trade Statistics Notes for explanation of Special Categories and list of commodities included. [7]For security reasons, data on exports of all forms of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590) are excluded from export statistics. [8]Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and B number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound. [9]Figures are revised to correct erroneous inclusion of data for Schedule B commodity number 79080 (Commercial maintenance and repair trucks, new) in the totals for "All other finished manufactures" rather than "Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks, new" in the issues of Report No. FT 930-E for periods prior to January 1960. [10]The May 1960 totals originally published for the following economic classes and leading commodities have been revised as indicated: crude materials, from $191.3 to $197.2 million; oil seeds, from $33.2 to $36.0 million; "all other crude materials", from $22.5 to $25.5 million; crude foodstuffs, from $141.4 to $153.1 million; corn, from $20.3 to $23.3 million; wheat, from $81.6 to $84.5 million; "other grains", from $14.5 to $20.2 million; semimanufactures, from $310.0 to $310.4 million; and crude vegetable oils and fats, $11.0 to $11.5 million.

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